GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:366
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2001
TELECASTING UNCENSORED PROGRAMMES
KANTI SINGH;TUFANI SAROJ

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign companies are telecasting their uncensored pogrammes into India from outside the country by uplinking in violation of Indian Broadcasting Regulatory Laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of such foreign companies;

(c) whether this is causing heavy loss of revenue to the country;

(d) if so, the revenue loss incurred during the last one year; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to tackle this situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 366 FOR ANSW ON 17.8.2001

(a) & (b): The programmes of Foreign Satellite Channels, which areuplinked from outside the country, when transmitted through cable television networks in the country, are required to adhere to the programmes/advertisements code prescribed under Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. Action in case of violation is to be taken by the authorized officers i.e. DM/SDM/Commissioner of Police and such other officers as may benotified by the Central/State Governments in this regard, under the provisions of this Act. Further, in case any satellite channels/programme violates the prescribed codes, the Central Government under section 20(3) of the Act has the power to notify such channels/programme for purposes of regulating or prohibiting its transmission by cable operators.

(c): No Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise, in view of (c) above.